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IN SALONKI ATTACK BY GERMAN ALLIES

Central Powers Inclined to Regard the Allied Force There as Safely Cooped Up

GERMANS ADMIT AN ADVANCE ON HIRZSTEIN

Further Activity in the Vosges District, With Intense Artillery Fighting Along the Whole Front of Hartmans-Weilerkopf—Russians Are Attacking Fiercely on the Dniester and in Bessarabia—Von Mackensen is Said to be Preparing for an Invasion or Egypt—Bulgarians Are Entrenching Their Armies Well Back of the Grecian Frontier—Reports From Isolated Fronts Tell of Preparations for Spring Campaigns.

London, Dec. 28.—While there has been considerable renewal of activity at several points on both the eastern and western fronts in the past 24 hours, the situation in the Balkans has the most peaceful appearance in weeks. Despatches from both Germanic and entente sources agree that the probability of an Austro-German-Bulgarian offensive against Salonki is disappearing with the withdrawal of the Bulgarian frontier guards to purely defensive positions well behind the Greek frontier.

Not to Attack Salonki. The Associated Press Vienna correspondent declares that the central powers have come to regard any offensive against Salonki as a measure promising only embarrassment and no advantage. In fact, the central powers are inclined to regard the huge allied force at Salonki as safely cooped up, useless and expensive, and that therefore it would be an advantage to the central powers to let it remain there.

French Make Advance. On the western front, the German official communication admits, a French advance on Hirzstein, but gives no details. There has also been further activity in the Vosges district, with intense artillery fighting along the whole front of Hartmans-Weilerkopf.

Russians Attacking Fiercely. Vienna reports the Russians attacking fiercely on the Dniester and in Bessarabia. The Austrian communication speaks of a Russian advance in the Dniester in the last 24 hours, the artillery broke up with huge Russian losses.

A despatch from a German source says:

"A terrible battle has been going on since Friday in Bessarabia. The German campaign in the near east and beyond, according to today's telegram, is to be pushed with the utmost vigor and energy. Field Marshal von Mackensen is reported to be the leader selected for the new theater of operations in the east. Egypt is said to be his immediate object. Numbers of trains are reported to be conveying ammunition and guns to Constantinople and other points. Preparations for spring campaigns.

From many isolated fronts come reports of preparations for spring campaigns, either in the form of a thrust in the location of large bodies of troops or in the building of fortifications. Along the Dniester and Bug lines, the Germans are said to be constructing coastal fortifications equipped with heavy artillery and with machine guns and automatic rifles supplied in unlimited quantities.

Bulgarians Entrenching. The Bulgarians are reported to be busy entrenching their armies well back of the Grecian frontier, while equipment continues to arrive for the French and British at Salonki, which, in the reports of German sources, is considered by its defenders impregnable.

A change is also noted in the Turkish positions at the Dardanelles, where the defenders of Gallipoli are in possession of heavier siege guns, which have been better served since the Austro-Germans opened the road to Constantinople.

It is understood that the British authorities are making every possible preparation adequately to defend the Suez canal and their Egyptian position.

BRITISH CABINET CONSIDERS THE RECRUITING PROGRAM.

Likely to Be Several Further Meetings Before Decision is Reached.

London, Dec. 28, 5:03 p. m.—The cabinet held another two and one-half hours' session today, devoted presumably mainly to the recruiting problem. There are likely to be several further meetings before a final decision is reached and made public.

In view of Premier Asquith's recent announcement in the house of commons that a general election in the present circumstances would be a national calamity, no one, except those battling expressly for or against compulsory service with any weapon that comes handy, gives credence to the suggestion that the cabinet may reach such a solution while fully one-third of the voters of the country are on the fighting line.

That the prime minister will redeem his pledge as between married and single men, as recruits, is not questioned in any responsible quarter, and the best informed persons are quite anxious that some satisfactory formula will be found before parliament meets which will represent the judgment at least of a great majority of the cabinet, if not of every individual member.

According to official announcement this evening, no statement respecting the attitude of the cabinet may be looked for some days and it is not likely that Premier Asquith will make

Cabled Paragraphs

18 Soldiers Killed in Train Wreck. Posen, Prussia, Dec. 28.—Eighteen soldiers were killed and 47 injured when a train loaded with men returning from their Christmas holidays was derailed at the Bentschen station today.

Steamer Von Strum Sunk. London, Dec. 28, 12:11 p. m.—The steamer Von Strum has been sunk. The crew was landed.

The vessel was of 3,254 tons gross, 321 feet long, built at Londonderry this year. She was owned by the British admiralty.

RETALIATION AGAINST AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS

Why British Placed Embargo on Exportation of Dyewoods from Provinces.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The department of commerce has been informed that the British embargo on exportation of dyewoods from Jamaica and British Honduras largely was in retaliation against American manufacturers, who are alleged to have increased prices to British and Canadian buyers of logwood extract.

In announcing the embargo of 4,700 tons of dyewood awaiting shipment in Jamaica, the department quoted the British foreign office as stating the action was conditional on resumption of exportation in reasonable quantities to Canada. The British office stated that in numerous instances American manufacturers not only increased their prices, but reduced contracts made with British purchasers.

The United States imports annually about 20,000 tons of dyewoods.

VON MACKENSEN PLANS EXPEDITION AGAINST EGYPT.

Army Likely to Consist of 500,000 to 800,000 Men.

Paris, Dec. 28, 4:58 p. m.—Telegrams from Bucharest declare that Field Marshal von Mackensen is directing an expedition against Egypt, says a Havas despatch from Rome. Advances to the Messagero from the Rumanian capital, it is added, are that a number of trains loaded with munitions have been sent to Turkey, including one train of 25 flat cars, loaded with the parts of two-inch mortars and shells for the use of the guns, the shipment being destined for use in the Egyptian campaign.

Reports that Germany is preparing to move against the Suez canal and Egypt with a mixed force of Turks, Germans and Austrians are current in Paris. Some of the reports go into various details, it being said, for instance, that the expedition is to consist of from 500,000 to 800,000 men and that a four-track railway is being built across the Half-Desert region towards Suez.

FIVE CHILDREN IN BOSTON DIED OF POISONING.

They Are Believed to Have Eaten Poisoned Candy—Others Ill.

Boston, Dec. 28.—Five children are dead and several others seriously ill as a result it is believed, of having eaten poisoned candy. The police of the Brighton district, cooperating with the Cambridge authorities, tonight were investigating the possibility that some one might have been criminally responsible.

A physician who attended the children said that although he had been unable definitely to establish the cause of their illness and death, he believed it could be traced to candy which they had eaten at Christmas.

"TOM" SHEVLIN, FORMER FOOTBALL PLAYER ILL. At His Home in Minneapolis—Afflicted With Pneumonia.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 28.—Thomas I. Shevlin, millionaire lumberman and former Yale football star, is seriously ill of pneumonia at his home in Minneapolis. He was called to call into consultation a Chicago specialist, who was expected to arrive at midnight aboard a special train.

"Tom" Shevlin was captain of the Yale football team in 1907 and several years later he was called to lend assistance in coaching the eleven.

PELEG E. CHAMPLIN SENTENCED TO 27 YEARS

Providence Man Pleaded Guilty of Murder of Fellow Employee.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 28.—Peleg E. Champlin was sentenced in superior court today to the state prison in state prison for the murder of Frederick H. Bishop in this city on Nov. 21. With the consent of the attorney general he pleaded guilty to second degree murder.

Champlin and Bishop were employees of the local street railway company and the shooting was caused by alleged attentions by Champlin to Bishop's wife.

1,000 DEER REPORTED KILLED SINCE AUG. 1

Commissioner Believes That Number Only Half the Actual Killings.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 28.—According to Superintendent Crampton of the state game and fish commission, the number of deer reported to him, up to date, as killed in Connecticut since August 1 has reached very nearly 1,000 and he believes that number only about one-half the actual killings.

There will be no deer left to protect by the time the next general assembly meets," he said.

STRUCK BY AUTO WHILE ON WAY TO VISIT DAUGHTER

Mrs. Jennie Parsons of Hartford Taken to Hospital.

Conspiracy to Foment Strikes

LABORERS' COUNCIL MEMBERS

EIGHT MEN INCLUDED

Congressman Frank A. Buchanan of Illinois and Frank J. Monnett, Former Attorney General of Ohio, Two of the Eight.

New York, Dec. 28.—Eight men, including a congressman, a former congressman, a former attorney general of Ohio, H. B. Martin, Herman Schulteis, Franz von Rintelen, David Lamar and Jacob C. Taylor, all of the men, except von Rintelen and Lamar, are officers or former officers of Labor's National Peace Council.

The government charges that this organization was financed by Franz von Rintelen, a German agent, while ostensibly working in the interests of international peace.

"Wolf of Wall Street." Von Rintelen is at present a prisoner of war in England. Lamar, known as "The Wolf of Wall Street," is said to have been his paymaster.

No warrants were issued for the arrest of any of the indicted men as they had fled to other countries.

None of the indicted men are in New York. The majority are either in Chicago or Washington and will appear tomorrow before United States commissioners in those cities to give bonds for their appearance in court.

Indictment of Monnett a Sensation.

The indictment of Monnett was the sensation of the grand jury's proceedings. The bills against his seven co-defendants had been predicted for several weeks, but Monnett's name had never been mentioned.

Leaders in Alleged Conspiracy. According to federal officials, Monnett, Buchanan and Lamar were indicted as the leaders in the alleged conspiracy. Bon Rintelen was while Schulteis, Martin and Taylor are accused of doing the actual work of attempting to bribe union leaders.

Schulteis and Martin are known as lobbyists. Both were connected with the Anti-Trust league and are active in labor business associates with Lamar. Taylor is a labor leader in New Jersey.

BUCHANAN TO INSIST UPON PREROGATIVE

Enjoyed by Members of Congress of Immunity from Arrest.

Washington, Dec. 28.—When Representative Buchanan heard of his indictment in New York today on charges in connection with the activities of Labor's National Peace Council, he declared that if he enjoyed any congressional immunity from arrest he intended to insist upon it.

"I don't know what they charge me with," he said, "and I have done nothing which I would not do again if I had the opportunity. I have been working for peace. That is all. I am not a strikebreaker. I am not anybody or talked to anybody about strikes. If they have indicted me on perjury charges, I will stand up and make every effort to support my impeachment."

FREIGHT PRESSURE ON NEW HAVEN ROAD.

Operating 44,000 Freight Cars Today as Compared With 32,000 a Year Ago.

New York, Dec. 28.—Railroad officials here say that the congestion of freight cars has been relieved by the improvement of the Pennsylvania railway lines, and that there will be a marked improvement in the movement of freight throughout the country.

Pressure on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railway is very heavy. The road today is operating 44,000 freight cars as compared with 32,000 a year ago.

ASKED TO REPORT ON CONDITION OF HUERTA.

Neutrality Violation Charges to Be Pressed Unless He is Seriously Ill.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Federal authorities in El Paso were instructed today to report fully on the condition of General Victoriano Huerta, who is ill and anxious to get away from the surveillance of federal agents and soldiers. It is shown that Huerta is seriously ill. It is probable that the department of justice will press for an indictment of neutrality violations against him before the grand jury in San Antonio next month.

RESTRAINT OF NATIONS BY INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNALS

Only Hope For World Peace, Declares Elihu Root.

Washington, Dec. 28.—In the real restraint of nations by powerful international tribunals operating under a definite code of laws, Elihu Root, secretary of state and senator from New York, declared in an address here tonight. He was speaking before a joint session of a sub-section of the American Society of International Law, of which he is president.

Sinking of Steamer Ville de la Ciotat

TORPEDO FIRED BY SUBMARINE

FLYING AUSTRIAN FLAG

WITHOUT ANY WARNING

Many of the Passenger Went Down With Vessel When She Took Her Final Plunge—Those in Lifeboats Were Jeered at.

London, Dec. 28, 2:55 p. m.—The submarine which appeared on the surface shortly after the French steamer Ville de la Ciotat was torpedoed off the island of Crete flew the Austrian flag, according to a despatch to Reuters' Telegram company from Malta today.

Struck Without Warning. "It is learned from survivors," says the despatch, "that the vessel was off Crete. There was no warning of the torpedo explosion, following which a submarine appeared flying the Austrian flag. There were on board 263 passengers, for the most part French, among whom were 13 children and a number of women, and 13 officers and a crew of 138, the sailors being chiefly Lascars.

Terrific Inrush of Water. "Following the explosion, there was a terrific inrush of water through a big hole in the stern, yet there was no panic. The passengers gathered on deck, showing the greatest coolness. Five lifeboats and two rafts were released. One of the boats, loaded with women and children, capsized and all in it were drowned, and another boat was smashed against the steamer's side.

Many Went Down With Ship. "Before the rest on board were able to leave, the vessel took her final plunge, which the majority of the passengers saw. A Dutch steamer and a Greek steamer were in sight at the time, and the latter, therefore they believe that one of them sheltered the submarine. The steamers disappeared after the torpedoing.

Jeered at Those in Lifeboats. "The submarine, according to the accounts of these passengers, remained on the scene until the torpedoed vessel sank, and then circled around the lifeboats, calling in a jeering manner to the survivors to jump overboard. Two hours later the steamer Mercè picked up the survivors and brought them to the island of Crete, where they were given food and accommodations for 238 extra passengers.

There were 6 first class and 23 steerage passengers, including some Senegalese, and 22 white and 23 Lascars members of the crew.

"One survivor of the sinking, the submarine picked up two persons struggling in the water and placed them on a raft."

RESORTING TO INDIAN TREATY TO CLOSE SALOONS.

And Abolish Liquor Traffic in Upper Peninsula Counties of Michigan.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 28.—By securing the enforcement of an old Indian treaty, anti-saloon forces of Michigan have secured the passage of a bill to close saloons in nine upper peninsula counties. Some time ago Hibbing, Minn., and other towns in its vicinity were made "dry" by this means.

In 1854 the United States government ceded to the Lake Superior Indians certain lands in upper Michigan. One article in the treaty forbade the manufacture or sale of liquor in the affected territory.

"One source of this territory are not known to the anti-saloon forces, but the attorney of the Michigan anti-saloon league has asked the United States attorney at Lansing for documents to show what counties are located within the tract.

The seventh annual convention of the American Electric Railway Association will be held in Chicago, February 4, 1916.

Wealthy Chinese merchants of Chicago have purchased a piece of property and intend to expend more than \$2,000 in building a new Chinatown.

Great Britain has released the Pacific fleet of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Service between Vancouver and China and Japan will be restored.

William V. Cleary, former town clerk of Haverstraw, N. Y., convicted of forgery, was sentenced to serve between 2 years and 6 years and 4 months in prison.

The urban district council of Queenstown, England, refused to allow the bodies of American victims of the Lusitania sinking to be exhumed and sent to America for burial.

The capital prize of \$120,000 in the Christmas drawing of the Spanish Government lottery was won by the crew of the cruiser Alfonso XIII. It will be divided among 719 men.

A contract for 9,000,000 six-inch Asks to be used to carry condensed foods by British troops in the trenches was received by the Hazel-Atlas Glass Co., of Wheeling, W. Va.

The casualty list issued at Ottawa, Canada, contains the names of John J. Shannon of Leominster, Mass., died of wounds, and Charles E. Teber, of East Lee, Mass., slightly wounded.

Two sailors aboard the steamer J. L. Luckenbach, which arrived at Christobal, were injured and nearly blown overboard when they ventured on deck during Sunday's hurricane.

Gov. Halemb is to call a meeting of the executive committee of the Soldiers' home to consider the report of the board which recently investigated complaints of the old soldier inmates.

Between 100 and 150 maulers, employed by the North and South Manufacturing company of New Britain, went out on strike without notifying any of the officials.

FRESHET CONDITION IN CONNECTICUT RIVER.

A Rise of 13 Feet Due to Melting of Snow and Ice.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 28.—A rise of 13 feet in the Connecticut river, with freshet conditions, due to melting ice and snow, was recorded here today. Some ice is running, but navigation is not hindered.

Condensed Telegrams

Three spies were shot by the Germans.

Premier Skouloudis of Greece will not resign.

Ten Socialists were arrested in Berlin for disorder.

Norway has prohibited the exportation of rubber and cement.

An epidemic of scarlet fever is reported from Posen, Germany.

Admiral George Dewey celebrated his 75th birthday at Washington.

The steamship Lapland brought \$1,500,000 in gold coin to New York.

King Peter of Serbia arrived in Brindisi, Italy on Christmas Day.

France extended the moratorium on commercial paper for 90 days.

The Swedish steamship Enden was reported sunk off Doggerbank, Holland.

Gen. von Emmich, the conqueror of Liege, was buried at Hanover, Germany.

Serbia has turned over to Italy, 30,000 Austrian prisoners for detention in Sardinia.

More Turkish troops arrived in Belgium to reinforce those who arrived there last week.

The Canadian Consolidated Co. has sold its entire zinc production to the British government.

The river Seine has risen to flood stage, covering some of the wharves along the river at Paris.

Both the Navy and War Departments have large supplies of copper, probably enough to last a year.

At least 150,000 Albanians died of starvation during the last year, according to a report from Rome.

The election of Charles M. Milroy, as attorney at law, confirmed by the court of Common Pleas.

The Chilean bark Ivanhoe went ashore and was wrecked off the island of Kauai. Two of her crew were lost.

The Reading Iron Co. announced an increase of 10 to 15 per cent in wages about 3,500 men will benefit.

It is said in Washington that Miss Margaret Wilson will go to New York to engage in settlement work.

The steamer Nieuw Amsterdam, New York for Falmouth and Rotterdam, went aground at Forskip, near sea.

Control of the civil government of Juarez by the Carranza government was begun with the installation of officials.

Damage of \$20,000 was caused when the Silver Opera House and several homes were burned at Rahway, N. J.

Secretary Daniels announced wage increases in ten different trades at thirteen navy yards and naval stations.

James B. McEwan, former mayor of Albany and a member of the State Legislature for 16 years died in Albany.

Colorado, Iowa, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, South Carolina, and Arkansas will "go on the water wagon" Jan. 1.

The United States battleship Oregon will be turned over the California Naval Militia at San Francisco on Feb. 15.

Nearly 20 feet of snow fell in the Caucasus mountains, putting to an end the Indian winter in Russia and Turkish troops.

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WARDEN OF SING SING IS INDICTED

Warden is Charged With Having Committed Perjury at Westchester County Grand Jury Holds Thomas Mott Osborne for Trial

Two Indictments Containing Seven Counts

cent Inquiry of State Prison Commission—Other Counts Embrace Absenting Himself From the Prison; Failure to Perform Duties; Permitting Fights Among Prisoners—Sixth Count Contains Allegations Against the Moral Character of the Warden in His Relations With the Prisoners—He Will be Removed From Office at Once.

White Plains, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Two indictments, containing seven counts, against Thomas Mott Osborne, warden of Sing Sing, by the Westchester county grand jury which has been investigating conditions in the prison.

One indictment charged the warden with having committed perjury in his testimony at the recent inquiry conducted by Dr. Rudolph Diebling of the state prison commission. The other indictment contained six counts.

The first count charged that Osborne absented himself from the prison. The second embraced allegations that the warden failed to perform the duties imposed upon him; that he permitted fights among prisoners; that he failed to prevent fights in the prison, and that he failed to report immorality among the prisoners.

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